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Growth hormone secretagogue (ghrelin-) receptors--a complex drug target for the regulation of body weight.

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The growth hormone secretagogue receptor (GHS-R) is expressed in several tissues and seems to mediate the different actions of the synthetic growth hormone secretagogues (GHS) and the endogenous ligand of this receptor, ghrelin. The GHS-R belongs to the family of G-protein coupled receptors (GPCR). Two different receptor variants, type 1a and 1b, have been described and they seem to mediate different actions in different tissues. In addition to their functions on growth hormone (GH) secretion and food intake, ghrelin and its receptor are involved in several cardiovascular mechanisms, pancreatic functions, adipogenesis, gonadal function, immune system actions or tumoral cells. This review will summarize data regarding the structure of the GHS-R gene, reports investigating the expression, control and functions of the GHS-R in various tissues, and studies of the underlying transcriptional mechanisms and the genetic manipulation of both ghrelin and GHS-R. Thus, it seems clear the possibility that ghrelin and/or GHS analogs, acting as either agonists or antagonists on different activities, might have clinical impact.

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To assess the effects of prolonged administration of a novel analog of GH-releasing peptide (MK-677), nine healthy young men participated in a randomized, double blind, three-period cross-over comparison of orally administered placebo and 5and 25-mg doses of MK-677. Each period involved bedtime administration of the drug for 7 consecutive days. At the end of each period, plasma levels of insulin-like growth factor I (IGF-I) and IGF-binding protein-3 (IGFBP-3) were measured at 0745 h, and 24-h profiles of plasma GH and cortisol were obtained at 15-min intervals together with the 24-h urinary excretion of free cortisol. Profiles of plasma free cortisol were calculated at hourly intervals. The amounts of GH secreted were similar in all three conditions, but GH pulse frequency was increased with both dosages of the drug, primarily because of an increase in the number of low amplitude pulses. Plasma IGF-I levels were increased in a dose-dependent manner, whereas IGFBP-3 levels were increased only with the highest dosage. There was a positive relationship between GH pulse frequency and IGF-I increase. Except for an advance in the nocturnal nadir and in the morning elevation, MK-677 had no effect on cortisol profiles. In particular, 24-h mean levels of plasma total and free cortisol and urinary excretion of free cortisol were similar under all conditions. The present data suggest that the use of MK-677 for the treatment of relative somatotropic deficiency, particularly in older adults compromised by such deficiency, deserves further investigation.

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Ghrelin woas recently de-orphaned as an endogenous ligand of growth hormone secretagogue receptor (GHS-R), and is implicated as a short-term meal initiator and a long-term energy balance regulator. Administration of ghrelin causes increases in food intake and body weight in both rodents and humans. Inhibiting its actions with GHS-R anti-sense oligonucleotides, anti-ghrelin antibodies, and peptide antagonists leads to decreased food intake and weight loss in rodents. Despite the much-publicized promise of providing a novel approach for anti-obesity treatment, limited progress has been made in developing small-molecule GHS-R antagonists and no such compound has been advanced to clinical trials. This review will summarize the recent progress in small-molecule GHS-R antagonists and offer some insight into this area of research based on the experience at Abbott Laboratories.

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